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**Tiered Environment Review
for Activity/Project that is
Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5
Pursuant to 24 CFR 58.35(a)**

Project Information

Project Name: 2022-2026-Broad-based-ERR

HEROS Number: 900000010191033

Responsible Entity (RE): ALEXANDRIA, CITY HALL ALEXANDRIA VA, 22314

State / Local Identifier:

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Certifying Officer: Mark B. Jinks

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity):

Point of Contact:

Consultant (if applicable):

Point of Contact:

Project Location: Alexandria, VA 22314

Additional Location Information:

All projects will take place within the city of Alexandria, VA.

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Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:
See attached project description.

Maps, photographs, and other documentation of project location and description:**Approximate size of the project area:** more than 1 square mile**Length of time covered by this review:** 5 Years**Maximum number of dwelling units or lots addressed by this tiered review:**
75**Level of Environmental Review Determination:**

Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5:

58.35(a)(2)

58.35(a)(3)

58.35(a)(6)

Determination:

	Extraordinary circumstances exist and this project may result in significant environmental impact. This project requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA); OR
✓	There are no extraordinary circumstances which would require completion of an EA, and this project may remain CEST.

Approval Documents:**7015.15 certified by Certifying Officer on:****7015.16 certified by Authorizing Officer on:****Funding Information**

Grant Number	HUD Program	Program Name
2022	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) (Entitlement)
2022	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	HOME Program

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$7,500,000.00**Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.2 (a) (5)]:** \$7,500,000.00**Compliance with 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5 and §58.6 Laws and Authorities**

Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5, and §58.6	Was compliance achieved at the broad level of review?	Describe here compliance determinations made at the broad level and source documentation.
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 & § 58.6		
Airport Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	The only Runway Clear Zone in Alexandria is over public open space and an industrial/commercial area. No residential projects using federal funds will be done in these areas. See attached maps.
Coastal Barrier Resources Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	There are no coastal barrier resources in the city of Alexandria. See attached map. All projects will take place in the city of Alexandria. No condition requiring compliance exists.
Flood Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 & § 58.5		
Air Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	The City of Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services has determined the activities to be undertaken will not have an effect on air quality.
Coastal Zone Management Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has determined the activities to be undertaken are consistent with the Coastal Zone Management Act.
Contamination and Toxic Substances	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Endangered Species Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Per the attached letters from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, there is only one endangered species and one threatened species found within the city of Alexandria. No critical habitats exist in Alexandria. The dwarf wedgemussel, which is endangered, lives in slow-moving freshwater streams. Per the attached letter from the City of Alexandria Transportation & Environmental Services, the activities covered by this broad-based review will not have any adverse effect on wetlands, including streams. According to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, other

		federal endangered or threatened species which may be affected by undertakings in Alexandria are the Atlantic sturgeon and the northern long-eared bat. The Atlantic sturgeon is a marine species, similar to the dwarf wedgemussel, and therefore will not be adversely affected by the activities describe in this review. The northern long-eared bat roosts in trees and caverns, not buildings. As none of the activities described in this broad-based review involve the destruction of trees or caverns, no impact on the northern long-eared bat is anticipated. No condition requiring compliance exists.
Explosive and Flammable Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Per 24 CFR 51.201, the activities covered by this broad-based review do not meet the definition of "rehabilitation" or "modernization" activities because they do not increase residential densities, convert the type of use of a building to habitation, or make a vacant building habitable. Therefore, no conditions requiring compliance exist.
Farmlands Protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	There are no farmlands in the city of Alexandria. It is entirely an urban area as defined by the Census. See attached map. All projects will take place in the city of Alexandria. No condition requiring compliance exists.
Floodplain Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	The activities covered by this broad-based review either are exempt from part 55 under 55.12(c) or fall under 55.12(b). There are no coastal high hazard zones or floodways in the City of Alexandria, therefore all projects subject to 55.12(b) can proceed without processing. All projects will take place in the city of Alexandria. No condition requiring compliance exists.
Historic Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Noise Abatement and Control	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Sole Source Aquifers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	There are no sole source aquifers in the city of Alexandria. See attached map. All projects will take place in the city of

		Alexandria. No condition requiring compliance exists.
Wetlands Protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Because all project activities involve existing structures and do not significantly expand those structures, the City of Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) has determined the activities to be undertaken will not have an effect on wetlands. See attached memo from T&ES.
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	There are no wild and scenic rivers in the city of Alexandria and none of the activities covered by this review will generate additional stormwater runoff. All projects will take place in the city of Alexandria. No condition requiring compliance exists.
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE		
Environmental Justice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	The activities covered by this broad-based review occur in various locations throughout the city of Alexandria and therefore do not disproportionately impact areas of minority or low-income concentration. The activities solely benefit low- and moderate-income households.

Supporting documentation

[Memo to Office of Housing from TES.pdf](#)

[Alexandria Coastal Barrier Resources Map.pdf](#)

[DEQ Consistency Determination Letter.pdf](#)

[Species List Virginia Ecological Services Field Office.pdf](#)

[Species List Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office.pdf](#)

[dwarf wedgemussel fact sheet.pdf](#)

[VaFWIS BOVA Report.pdf](#)

[Census Urban Area Map Farmland.pdf](#)

[Sole Source Aquifer Map.png](#)

[Environmental Assessment Rivers Map.pdf](#)

[RCZ Map.pdf](#)

[RCZ Ortho Map.pdf](#)

Written Strategies

The following strategies provide the policy, standard, or process to be followed in the site-specific review for each law, authority, and factor that will require completion of a site-specific review.

1	Flood Insurance
	FEMA flood maps will be consulted prior to the beginning of any activity covered in this review to determine if a project is within a Special Flood Hazard Area. If the project is within such an area, written documentation of flood insurance will be required. Otherwise, the FEMA FIRM or FIRMette will be considered adequate documentation of the project's location outside a flood zone.
2	Contamination and Toxic Substances
	All projects undertaken in buildings constructed before 1978 will include lead and asbestos testing of any surfaces that may be disturbed in the course of the project and abatement measures will be undertaken if necessary.
3	Historic Preservation
	Each project with an area of potential effect on a structure over fifty years old will be reviewed to ensure there is no negative effect on historic resources using the information provided by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. After staff has made a determination about the possible effects of the project, the determination will be sent to the Department of Historic Review for a concurrence.
4	Noise Abatement and Control
	For projects whose scope could logically and feasibly include increased noise attenuation, noise studies will be performed to see if such attenuation is necessary and, if so, it will be included in the project. For projects whose scope would not normally involve work that would lend itself to increased noise attenuation, a noise study will not be required.

Supporting documentation

[New ER Checklist.docx](#)

[Broad Based 5 Year Program Description.docx](#)

APPENDIX A: Site Specific Reviews